

March 31, 2025

Dear Governor Scott and Vermont state legislators,

The second Trump administration has already done unprecedented damage to our democracy, violating bedrock constitutional principles and laws, and threatening the safety and well-being of our nation, our state, and our communities.

These assaults on our constitutional rights and democratic norms include unlawful attacks on immigrants, transgender people, and dissidents; threats to the autonomy of institutions to confront discrimination; the undermining of essential environmental protections; and the destabilization of civic infrastructure on which we all rely.

**In the face of this rapidly escalating constitutional crisis, Vermont needs strong, responsive state leadership.** We want you to know that if you speak up and take action to confront this onslaught of federal overreach, your constituents will have your backs. And we need to hear from you, our elected representatives, that you recognize this historical moment for what it is—and that you will act with the urgency and resolve that this moment requires.

We, the undersigned membership and community-based organizations, businesses, and faith leaders call on you to **utilize the power of your office to defend our democracy, our communities, and our values.**

**Specifically, we urge you to publicly commit to:**

- protect Vermont's immigrant communities;
- secure the rights and bodily autonomy of trans people;
- strengthen existing abortion access protections;
- defend our constitutional rights to protest, advocate, and speak out;
- safeguard our privacy and personal data;
- preserve our environmental protections;
- ensure Vermont's independence and autonomy from federal and executive overreach.

Vermonters pride ourselves on shared traditions of “Freedom and Unity.” Our state has often led the way in expanding constitutional protections and defending the rights and liberties of all people, protecting our environment, and celebrating the power of our democracy.

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We need you to join us in drawing on those traditions, defending our shared values, and meeting this moment with everything we have—together.

Respectfully,

ACLU of Vermont

The Actors Company

The Alchemist

Another Way, Inc.

Backcountry Bagels

Barbara Robin Studios

The Barre Universalist Church

Belonging And Wellness

Blockhouse Studio

Bridgeside Books

Building A Local Economy (BALE)

Burton

Cabot Public Library

Cathedral Square

Cavendish-Fletcher Community Library

CCTV Center for Media & Democracy

Center for Whole Communities

Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity

Change of Scene Travel

Charlotte Congregational Church, UCC

Christ Episcopal Church, Montpelier

Cobleigh Library

Common Good Vermont

Community Asylum Seekers Project

Community TEACH (Tutoring, Enrichment, and Career Hub)

Cooperation Vermont

COTS

CQ Strategies, LCC

Deadrise Revival

Diamond Family Circus

Dorset Village Public Library

Earth and Salt

Earthfire Abbey

Education Justice Coalition of Vermont

Elevate Youth Services

EmpowR Transformation

Episcopal Diocese of Vermont

Essex Center United Methodist Church

Essex Connects

Fiddleheads Cuisine

First Baptist Church, Burlington, VT

First Unitarian Universalist Society Burlington

First United Methodist Church of Brattleboro Beloved Community

Fletcher Memorial Library

Fletcher Memorial Library, Ludlow, VT

FreeHer VT

Friends of Lanpher Memorial Library

Grafton Public Library

Green Mountain Performing Arts

Green Mountain Support Services

Green Mountain Timber Frames

Greensboro United Church of Christ

Gristmill Builders

Howe Library at University of Vermont

Hunger Free Vermont

Hunter Studio

Indivisible – Bennington County

Indivisible – Brattleboro

Indivisible – Calais

Indivisible – Green Mountain Alliance

Indivisible – Hardwick

Indivisible – Mad River Valley

Indivisible – Middlebury

Indivisible – Montpelier Strong

Indivisible – NEK

Indivisible – Northeast Addison County

Kiah Morris LLC

Lake Champlain Maritime Museum

Latham Memorial Library

Leaves of Change VT

Love University

The Magic Bean Farm

Mary L Blood Library West Windsor VT

Meadow Cove Counseling, LLC

Meejy Handmade

Middletown Springs Library

Migrant Justice

Mindel Pelchat & Associates

Montpelier Alive

Morristown Centennial Library

MovingTrue

Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont (NOFA-VT)

NorthWoods Stewardship Center

The Norwich Bookstore

nuwave Equity Corporation

Out in the Open

Outright Vermont

Planned Parenthood Vermont Action Fund

Points North Sports & Regenerative PT

Pride Center of Vermont

Public Assets Institute

Rainbow Bridge Community Center

ReBop Records

The Red Barn Writer

Red Hen Baking Company

Rhino Foods, Inc.

Rights & Democracy

Rochester Public Library

Rutland Area NAACP

Rutland Free Library

SafeArt

Savouré

SHARe (Supporting and Helping Asylees and Refugees)

Sherburne Memorial Library

St. Barnabas Church

St. James Episcopal Church

St. John's Episcopal Church, Randolph

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Standing Trees

Steps to End Domestic Violence

Stowe Street Cafe

SUSU commUNITY Farm

Third Act Vermont  
Unitarian Church of Montpelier  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Rutland, VT  
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bennington  
Upper Valley Services  
Vermont Asylum Assistance Project (VAAP)  
Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility  
Vermont Chapter of the Sierra Club  
Vermont Citizens United for the Rehabilitation of Errants (VT CURE)  
Vermont Collaborative for Practice Improvement & Innovation  
Vermont Community Thermal Networks  
Vermont Conference, United Church of Christ  
Vermont Conservation Voters  
Vermont Early Childhood Advocacy Alliance  
Vermont Environmental Justice Network  
Vermont Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals  
Vermont Green Football Club  
Vermont Interfaith Action  
Vermont Library Association  
Vermont Natural Resources Council  
Vermont New Americans Advisory Council (VNAAC)  
Vermont Parent Child Center Network  
Vermont Professionals of Color Network  
Vermont Public Interest Research Group  
Vermont River Conservancy  
Vermont School Library Association  
Vermont State College Libraries  
Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund  
Vermont Works for Women

Vermont-NEA

Vermont Language Justice Project

Veterans for Peace

Voices for Vermont's Children

W.R. Metalarts, LLC

Washington County Mental Health Services

Waterbury Area Anti Racism Coalition (WAARC)

Waterbury Historical Society

Waterbury Together

White River Junction Pride

Windham County NAACP

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom - Burlington branch

Working Fields